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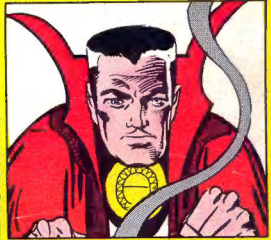
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OF DOOM!"**

**THE  
MAD  
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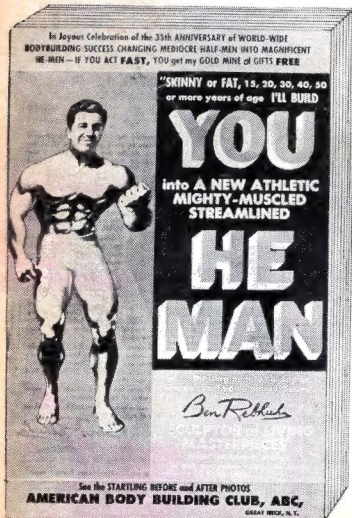
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# "THE BOUNCING BALL OF DOOM!"

FEATURING  
THE MANIACAL  
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STOP PAY TOLL  
EXACT CHANGE BOOTH KEEP

SORRY TO  
HAVE TO STOP  
YOU FOLKS, BUT  
THERE'S A DRAGNET  
OUT FOR A PAIR OF  
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ROBBERS!

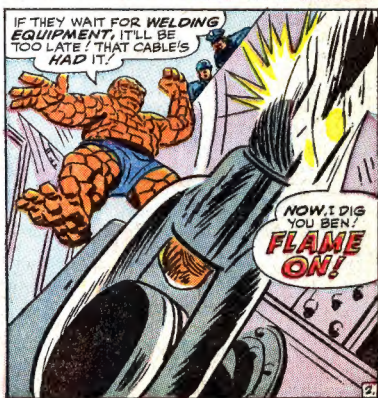
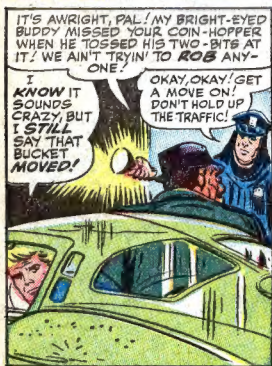
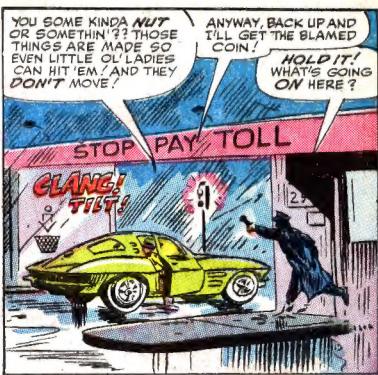
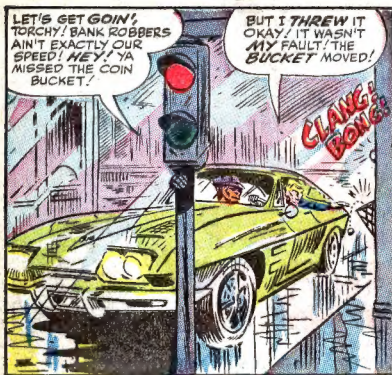
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'EM, WE'LL MENTION  
THAT YOU WERE  
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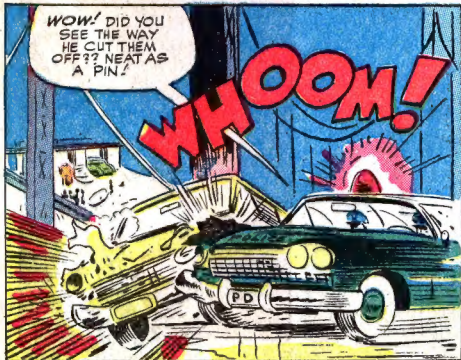
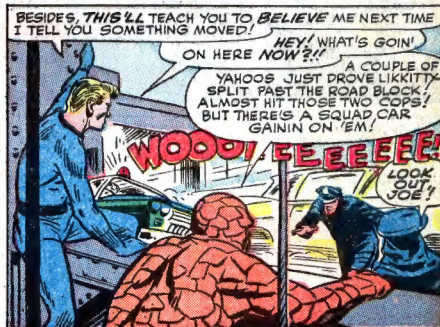
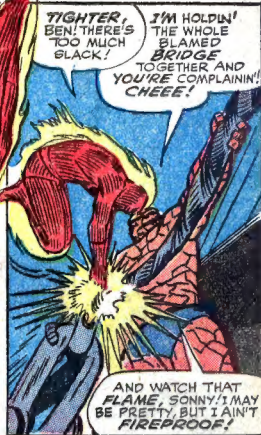
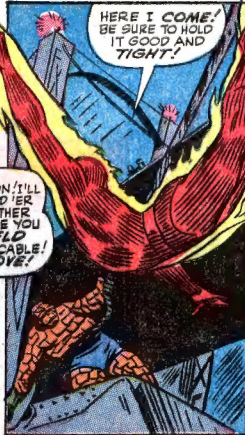
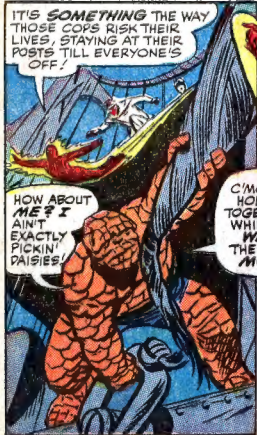
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ON THAT HORN,  
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DO NOT CROSS

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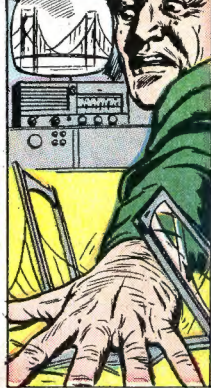


**NOBODY** CAN DEVISE A BRILLIANT PLAN LIKE **THE THINKER!** I HAD EVERYTHING WORKED OUT TO THE MOST MINUTE DETAIL! MY TWO HIRELINGS COMMITTED THE BANK ROBBERY WITH THE UTMOST PRECISION, FOLLOWING MY INSTRUCTIONS TO THE LETTER!

THEIR ESCAPE ROUTE WAS ALL ARRANGED! I HAD PREVIOUSLY WEAKENED THE BRIDGE CABLE SO THAT IT WOULD COLLAPSE AT THE EXACT SPLIT SECOND THEY SPEEDED ACROSS, MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY TO FOLLOW!

AND IT WORKED PERFECTLY! ACCORDING TO MY INFALLIBLE COMPUTERS, IT HAD A 99.99999 PERCENT GUARANTEE OF SUCCESS... UNTIL **THE** APPEARED!

IT WAS THE **ONE** THING MY COMPUTERS COULDN'T TELL ME... THE FACT THAT **THE TORCH** AND **THE THING** WOULD BE ON THE BRIDGE AT THAT MOMENT!



I'LL NEVER REST TILL I'VE WIPED THEM FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH! THEY MUST NEVER AGAIN BE ALLOWED TO FOIL **THE THINKER'S** PLANS... EVEN THOUGH THEIR INTERFERENCE WAS ACCIDENTAL!

FOR MANY MONTHS I HAVE BEEN PLANNING THE CREATION OF AN **ULTIMATE WEAPON**... A WEAPON MIGHTY ENOUGH TO DEFEAT ANY SUPER-POWERED FOE! AND NOW, THE TIME HAS COME TO PUT MY PLAN! INTO PRACTICE!

IT SHALL BE MY GREATEST TRIUMPH! A WEAPON SO INVINCIBLE THAT **NOONE** CAN WITHSTAND IT... YET, SO SIMPLE THAT NOTHING CAN GO WRONG WITH IT! NOW, I MUST SET THE STAGE... I MUST CREATE THE MOST DEADLY TRAP OF ALL TIME... FOR **THE TORCH** AND **THE THING**!



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AND, AS THE DAYS SPEED BY, THE **MAD THINKER** LABORS IN HIS EERIE LABORATORY, OBLIVIOUS TO HUNGER, TO FATIGUE, TO ANYTHING SAVE HIS FANATICAL LUST FOR REVENGE...

MY WEAPON SHALL BE MADE OF THE SAME ELEMENTS AS THE NOSE CONE OF A MISSILE... ABLE TO WITHSTAND ANY DEGREE OF HEAT THE HUMAN TORCH CAN MUSTER!



AND, I'LL CREATE IT IN THE SHAPE OF A **BALL**.. FOR THE BALL IS THE **STRONGEST** FORM IN EXISTENCE, HAVING NO WEAK SPOT... NO AREA WHICH MIGHT COLLAPSE UNDER GREAT STRESS!



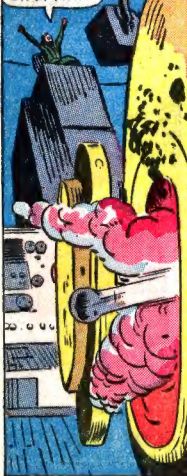
**THERE!** I'VE FITTED IT WITH THE MOST COMPLEX, SOPHISTICATED ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS KNOWN TO MAN. IT WILL RESPOND TO MY CONTROL THE WAY MY OWN **FINGERS** DO!



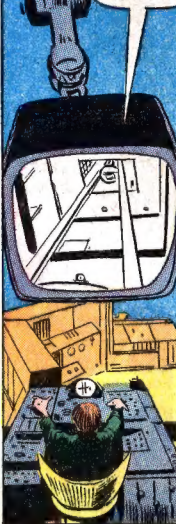
NOW, ALL THAT REMAINS IS THE FINAL TEST: I'LL SUBJECT IT TO THE MOST EXTREME HEAT IMAGINABLE... AS WELL AS TO THE GREATEST STRESS OF PRESSURE EVER KNOWN!



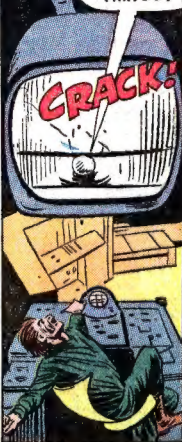
THEN, LONG HOURS LATER... I'VE **SUCCEEDED!** THE BALL IS UNSCATHED! IT IS THE MOST ABSOLUTELY **FIREPROOF** OBJECT ON EARTH!



AND NOW FOR THE **PRESSURE TEST**...



**ANOTHER VICTORY!** THE BALL WITHSTOOD THE CRUSHING FORCE OF A PRESS WHICH IS FAR MORE POWERFUL THAN A DOZEN MUSCULAR THINGS!



THIS MEANS I CANNOT FAIL! MY INNOCENT-LOOKING **BOUNCING BALL** SHALL SOUND THE **DEATH KNELL** FOR THE TORCH AND THE THING!

AND, I HAVE **ALREADY** DECIDED HOW TO BAIT MY TRAP! I SHALL USE THIS **NEW DAM**!!

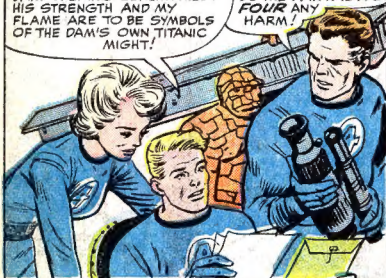




NEXT DAY, AT F.F. HEADQUARTERS, AN INNOCENT-SEEMING NOTE IS DELIVERED...

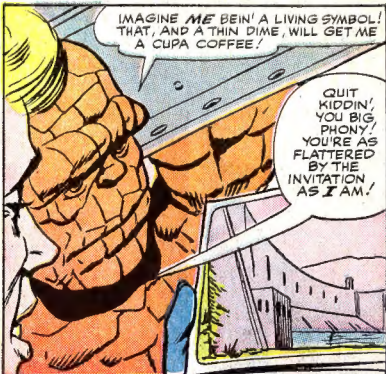
HOW ABOUT THAT, REED? BASHFUL BENJAMIN AND I ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE DAM OPENING CEREMONIES! HIS STRENGTH AND MY FLAME ARE TO BE SYMBOLS OF THE DAM'S OWN TITANIC MIGHT!

GOOD DEAL, JOHNNY! YOU BOTH MIGHT ENJOY IT, AND THE PUBLICITY CAN'T DO THE FANTASTIC FOUR ANY HARM!



IMAGINE ME BEIN' A LIVING SYMBOL! THAT, AND A THIN DIME, WILL GET ME A CUPPA COFFEE!

QUIT KIDDIN', YOU BIG PHONY! YOU'RE AS FLATTERED BY THE INVITATION AS I AM!



A SHORT TIME LATER, JUST BEFORE THE CEREMONIES ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN, A SILENT, BROODING STRANGER, CARRYING A HARMLESS-LOOKING SATCHEL, APPEARS ATOP THE GIGANTIC STRUCTURE...

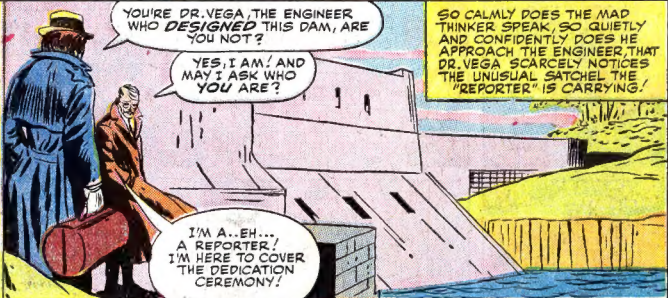
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YOU'RE DR. VEGA, THE ENGINEER WHO DESIGNED THIS DAM, ARE YOU NOT?

YES, I AM, AND MAY I ASK WHO YOU ARE?

SO CALMLY DOES THE MAD THINKER SPEAK, SO QUIETLY AND CONFIDENTLY DOES HE APPROACH THE ENGINEER, THAT DR. VEGA SCARCELY NOTICES THE UNUSUAL SATCHEL THE "REPORTER" IS CARRYING!

I'M A...EH... A REPORTER, I'M HERE TO COVER THE DEDICATION CEREMONY!



HE'S SO WRAPPED UP IN THIS DAM OF HIS THAT HE SUSPECTS NOTHING! ALL I NEED DO IS KEEP HIM TALKING WHILE I DEPOSIT THE CONTENTS OF MY LITTLE CARRYING CASE...

THIS MUST BE A VERY PROUD DAY FOR YOU, DR. VEGA!

OH, IT IS INDEED SIR!



I'VE GOT TO MAKE HIM LOOK IN THE OTHER DIRECTION!

IS THAT A CRACK I SEE APPEARING IN THE WALL?

WHAT?? WHERE?!



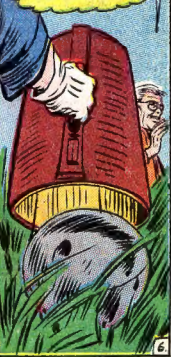
OH, NO! IT'S MERELY A REINFORCED SECTION JOINT! IF A CRACK SHOULD APPEAR, IT WOULD BE DISASTROUS!

IS THAT SO?



CERTAINLY! IT WOULD SWAMP THE NEARBY CITIES! BUT, MY DAM IS CRACK-PROOF!

DON'T BE TOO SURE OF THAT!





MINUTES LATER, THE MAD THINKER RUSHES BACK TO HIS HIDDEN LAB, IN TIME TO OBSERVE THE DEDICATION CEREMONY VIA HIS OWN AMAZING ULTRA-WAVE U.H.F. TV. SCANNER...

EVERYTHING IS IN READINESS! **THIS** TIME MY PLAN **CANNOT** FAIL! FIRST, I WILL CAUSE A DIVERSION...



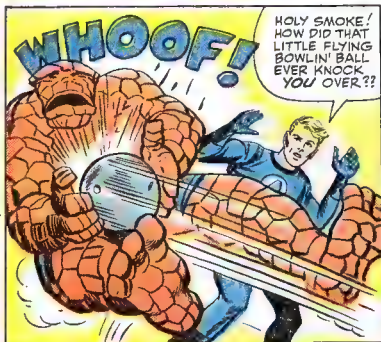
**THERE!** PRESSING THIS BUTTON WILL DETONATE THE EXPLOSIVE I PLANTED THERE EARLIER! IT WON'T CAUSE ANY **SERIOUS** DAMAGE, BUT...



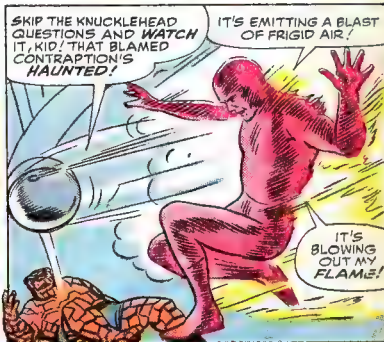
IT WILL BRING THE **THING** AND THE **TORCH** OUT INTO THE OPEN... **ANHH!** I WAS **RIGHT!** **THERE** THEY ARE! NOW TO PUT MY LITTLE WEAPON INTO ACTION!



THEY **SEE** IT! THEY CAN'T EVEN **BEGIN** TO SUSPECT ITS LIMITLESS POWER! THE **THING** THINKS HE CAN SWAT IT AWAY... THE **FOOL!**



HOLY SMOKE! HOW DID THAT LITTLE FLYING BOWLIN' BALL EVER KNOCK YOU OVER??



SKIP THE KNUCKLEHEAD QUESTIONS AND **WATCH** IT, KID! THAT BLAMED CONTRAPTION'S **HAUNTED!**

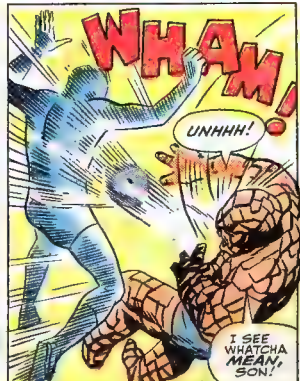
IT'S EMITTING A BLAST OF FRIGID AIR!

IT'S BLOWING OUT MY FLAME!



IT DON'T MAKE **SENSE!** HOW CAN A SIMPLE ROUND BALL KNOCK ME OVER?? **ME,** WHO CAN Juggle **CANNON BALLS** ON MY LITTLE PINKY FINGERS?!

I'VE GOT A HUNCH SOMEBODY **DESIGNED** THAT BALL, BEN... **DESIGNED** IT JUST TO DEFEAT THE TWO OF US!



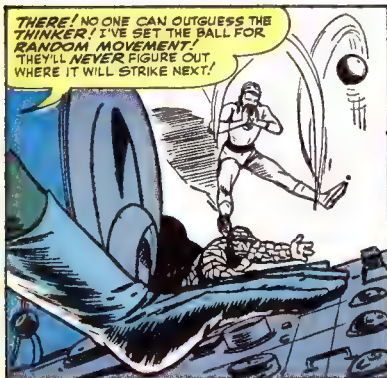
**WHAM!**

UNHHH!

I SEE WHATCHA MEAN!



**AHHH!** SO FAR I'VE JUST BEEN **TOYING** WITH THEM! BUT, NOW THAT THEY'RE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THE BALL'S FLIGHT PATTERN, I'LL SIMPLY **CHANGE** IT!



**THERE! NO ONE CAN OUTGUESS THE THINKER! I'VE SET THE BALL FOR RANDOM MOVEMENT! THEY'LL NEVER FIGURE OUT WHERE IT WILL STRIKE NEXT!**



**AFTER IT, BEN! IT'S GETTING AWAY! WE'VE GOT TO... WAIT!**

**NO!! LOOK OUT! IT'S COMING BACK AGAIN! DUCK, BEN... DUCK!**

**FOR THE LUVVA PETE, HALF-PINT, KEEP YOUR FLAPPIN' MOUTH SHUT SO I CAN THINK, WILL YA?**



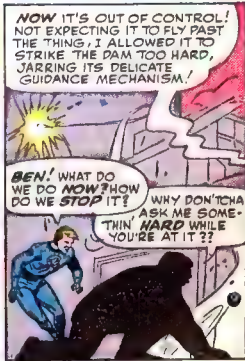
**GOOD BOY, BEN! YOU DUCKED IT JUST IN TIME! THAT WAS A SMART MOVE!**

**NUTS! I WANTED TO CLOBBER IT... BUT YOU GOT ME SO BLAMED MIXED-UP WITH ALL YOUR YELLIN', I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS DOIN'!**



**HOWEVER, LITTLE DOES THE THING REALIZE THAT HIS UNEXPECTED MOVE HAS COME AS A SHOCK TO THE MAD THINKER!**

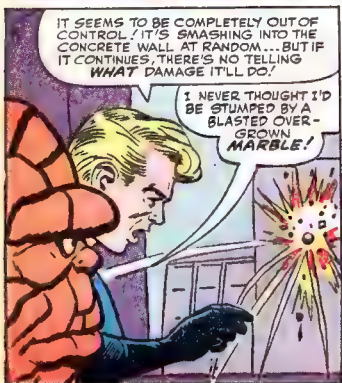
**NO! BY COMPUTING EVERY KNOWN FACT ABOUT THE THING, HE SHOULD HAVE SWUNG AT THE BALL AND BROKEN HIS ARM! I NEVER ANTICIPATED THAT HE WOULD DUCK!**



**NOW IT'S OUT OF CONTROL! NOT EXPECTING IT TO FLY PAST THE THING, I ALLOWED IT TO STRIKE THE DAM TOO HARD, JARRING ITS DELICATE GUIDANCE MECHANISM!**

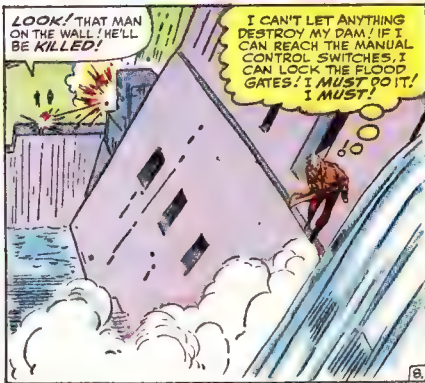
**BEN! WHAT DO WE DO NOW? HOW DO WE STOP IT?**

**WHY DON'TCHA ASK ME SOMETHIN' HARD WHILE YOU'RE AT IT??**



**IT SEEMS TO BE COMPLETELY OUT OF CONTROL! IT'S SMASHING INTO THE CONCRETE WALL AT RANDOM... BUT IF IT CONTINUES, THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT DAMAGE IT'LL DO!**

**I NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE STUMPED BY A BLASTED OVER-GROWN MARBLE!**



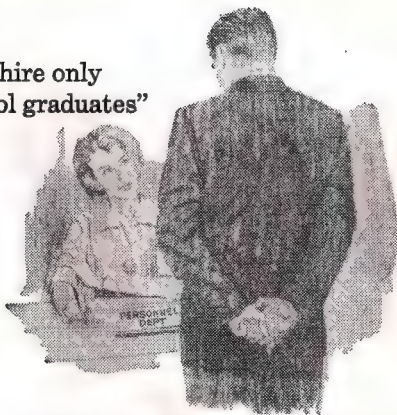
**LOOK! THAT MAN ON THE WALL! HE'LL BE KILLED!**

**I CAN'T LET ANYTHING DESTROY MY DAM! IF I CAN REACH THE MANUAL CONTROL SWITCHES, I CAN LOCK THE FLOOD GATES! I MUST DO IT! I MUST!**

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HEY, FELLA!  
THIS AIN'T NO  
TIME FOR A  
NATURE WALK!  
GIMME YOUR  
PAW AND I'LL  
PULL YOU OFFA  
THERE!

NO! NO!  
STAY BACK!  
I BUILT  
THIS DAM!  
I HAVE TO  
KEEP IT  
FROM BEING  
SMASHED!



THERE! I REACHED  
THE VALVE! NOW...JUST  
A FEW  
TURNS...!  
WATCH IT!  
YOUR FOOT'S  
SLIPPIN'!  
YOU'RE  
GONNA  
FALL!



TOO LATE!  
CAN'T  
REACH 'IM  
IN TIME!

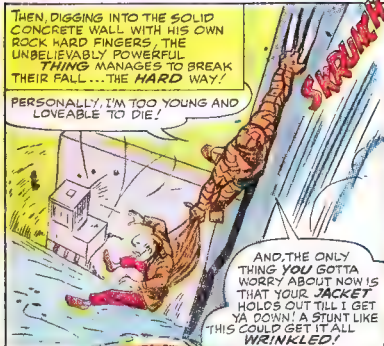
ONLY ONE  
CHANCE!  
I GOTTA  
THROW MY-  
SELF DOWN  
AFTER 'IM!



GOTCHA!

NO! WHY  
DID YOU  
DO IT??  
NOW  
WE'LL  
BOTH  
BE  
KILLED!

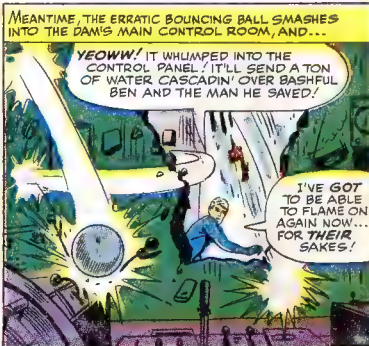
NOT IF  
I CAN  
HELP IT,  
PAL!



THEN, DIGGING INTO THE SOLID  
CONCRETE WALL WITH HIS OWN  
ROCK HARD FINGERS, THE  
UNBELIEVABLY POWERFUL  
THING MANAGES TO BREAK  
THEIR FALL...THE HARD WAY!

PERSONALLY, I'M TOO YOUNG AND  
LOVEABLE TO DIE!

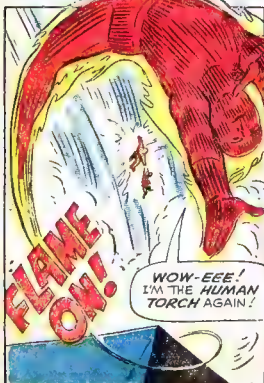
AND THE ONLY  
THING YOU GOTTA  
WORRY ABOUT NOW IS  
THAT YOUR JACKET  
HOLDS OUT TILL I GET  
YA DOWN! A STUNT LIKE  
THIS COULD GET IT ALL  
WRINKLED!



MEANTIME, THE ERRATIC BOUNCING BALL SMASHES  
INTO THE DAM'S MAIN CONTROL ROOM, AND...

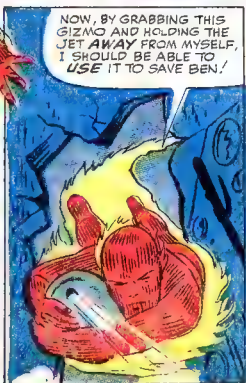
YEOWW! IT WHUMPED INTO THE  
CONTROL PANEL! IT'LL SEND A TON  
OF WATER CASCADIN' OVER BASHFUL  
BEN AND THE MAN HE SAVED!

I'VE GOT  
TO BE ABLE  
TO FLAME ON  
AGAIN NOW...  
FOR THEIR  
SAKES!

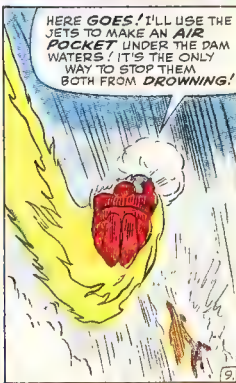


FLAME  
ON!

WOW-EEE!  
I'M THE HUMAN  
TORCH AGAIN!

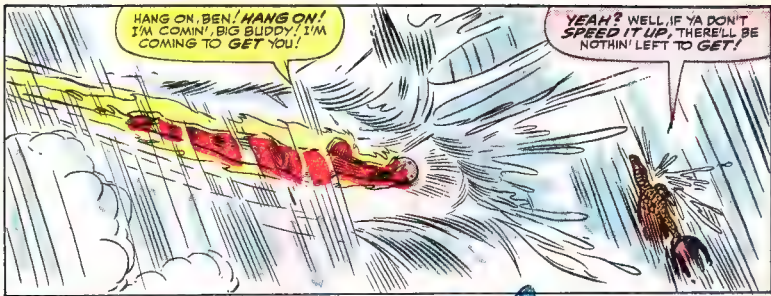


NOW, BY GRABBING THIS  
GIZMO AND HOLDING THE  
JET AWAY FROM MYSELF,  
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO  
USE IT TO SAVE BEN!



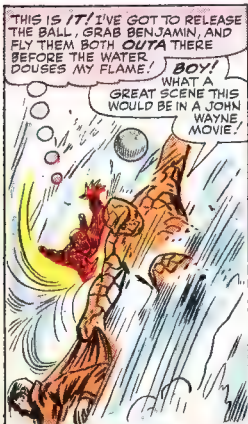
HERE GOES! I'LL USE THE  
JETS TO MAKE AN AIR  
POCKET UNDER THE DAM  
WATERS. IT'S THE ONLY  
WAY TO STOP THEM  
BOTH FROM DROWNING!





HANG ON, BEN! HANG ON!  
I'M COMIN', BIG BUDDY! I'M  
COMING TO GET YOU!

YEAH? WELL, IF YA DON'T  
SPEED IT UP, THERE'LL BE  
NOTHIN' LEFT TO GET!



THIS IS IT! I'VE GOT TO RELEASE  
THE BALL, GRAB BENJAMIN, AND  
FLY THEM BOTH OUTA THERE  
BEFORE THE WATER  
DOUSES MY FLAME!

BOY!

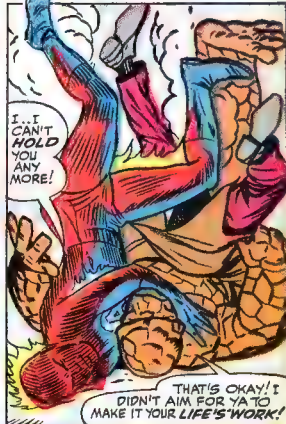
WHAT A  
GREAT SCENE THIS  
WOULD BE IN A JOHN  
WAYNE  
MOVIE!



I DID IT! BUT, BEN...  
I WISH YOU'D GO ON  
A DIET!

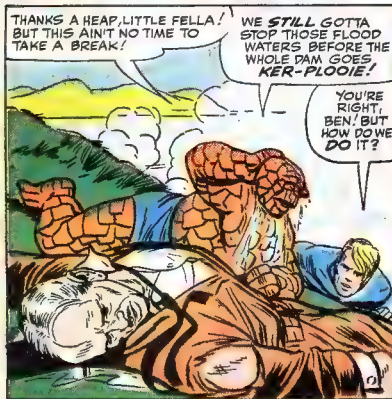
WHAM!

WHAT FOR?  
WHAT DIFFERENCE  
WOULD A COUPLE  
OF HUNDRED  
POUNDS MAKE?



I...I  
CAN'T  
HOLD  
YOU  
ANY  
MORE!

THAT'S OKAY! I  
DIDN'T AIM FOR YA TO  
MAKE IT YOUR LIFE'S WORK!



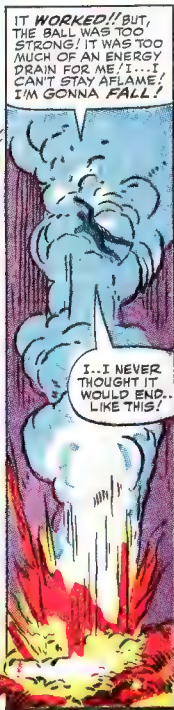
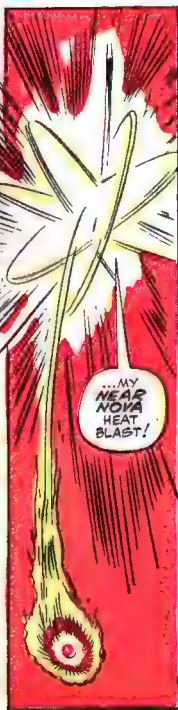
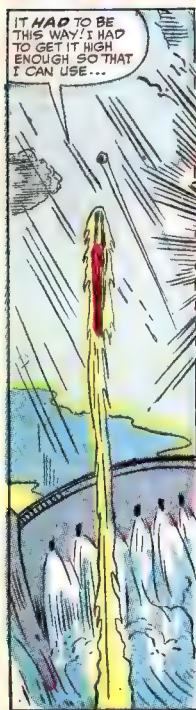
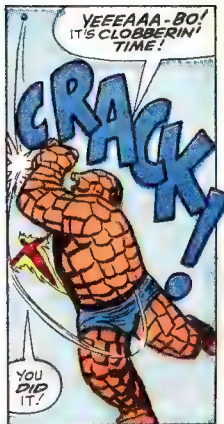
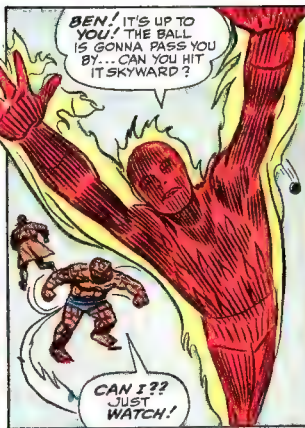
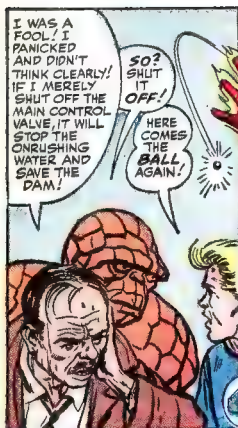
THANKS A HEAP, LITTLE FELLA!  
BUT THIS AIN'T NO TIME TO  
TAKE A BREAK!

WE STILL GOTTA  
STOP THOSE FLOOD  
WATERS BEFORE THE  
WHOLE DAM GOES  
KER-PLOOIE!

YOU'RE  
RIGHT,  
BEN! BUT  
HOW DOWE  
DO IT?



I STILL HAVE A CHANCE  
FOR VICTORY! EVEN THOUGH  
MY BOUNCING BALL IS OUT  
OF CONTROL, IF IT KEEPS  
POUNDING AT THE DAM'S  
WALL, THE ENTIRE STRUCTURE  
MAY COLLAPSE, DROWNING  
MY TWO HATED ENEMIES  
BEFORE THEY CAN  
ESCAPE!





AND, IN HIS HIDDEN RETREAT, THE MAD THINKER CHORTLES WITH MERCILESS GLEE...

THE TORCH IS **DONE FOR!** THAT MEANS I'VE **WON** AFTER ALL!



EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T DESTROY THEM **BOTH**, AT LEAST I... WHA...? **WAIT!!**



**OH! NO! NO!**

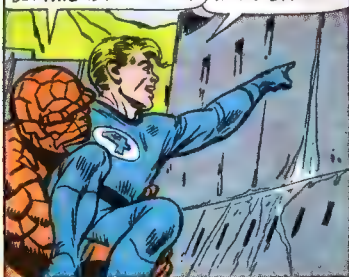


THE **THING** WAS UNDER-NEATH! HE **CAUGHT HIM...** GASP! HE **CAUGHT HIM!**



**BOY!** MY DEAR OL' AUNT PETUNIA USED TO SAY THAT IT SOMETIMES RAINED CATS AND DOGS... BUT **THIS** IS RIDICULOUS!

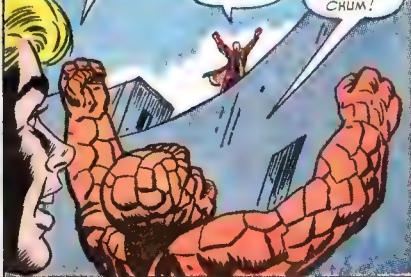
**BEN...LOOK! THE WATER!! IT'S STOPPED FLOODING! THE DAM IS SAVED!**



IT'S THE MAN YOU RESCUED! THE DAM'S **BUILDER!** IT WAS **HE** WHO DID IT!

I SHUT OFF THE MAIN VALVE! THE DANGER IS **OVER!**

WELL, STAND ON MY SKULL AND CALL ME **SHORTY!** NICE GOIN', CHUM!



SOMETIME LATER, AS THE FANTASTIC FOUR ARE AGAIN ASSEMBLED IN THEIR WORLD-FAMOUS HEADQUARTERS...

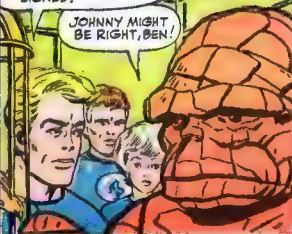
FROM WHAT YOU AND BEN HAVE TOLD ME, JOHNNY, I WOULD SAY THAT IT SOUNDS LIKE THE **MAD THINKER'S** METHOD OF OPERATION!



THE **MAD THINKER**, HUH? WELL, AFTER THE WAY TORCHY AND ME HANDLED THINGS TODAY, **HE** WON'T BE BOTHERIN' US AGAIN!

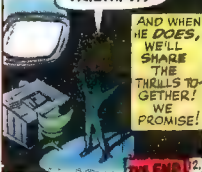
DON'T **COUNT** ON THAT, BIG BUDDY! GUYS LIKE **HIM** HAVE A WAY OF NEVER KNOWING WHEN THEY'RE LICKED!

JOHNNY MIGHT BE RIGHT, BEN!



AND, IT SEEMS THAT THE TORCH **IS** RIGHT! FOR, AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN HIS GLOOMY LAB, ONE OF THE MOST SINISTER, MOST BRILLIANT, MOST DANGEROUS MENACES OF ALL IS TAKING A GRIM VOW...

I'LL **NEVER** REST UNTIL THE TORCH AND THE THING ARE WIPED OUT! SOONER OR LATER, I'LL STRIKE AGAIN! AND **NEXT** TIME, I'LL **TRIUMPH!**



AND WHEN HE **DOES**, WE'LL SHARE THE THRILLS TOGETHER! WE PROMISE!

**THE END**

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HERE'S MY HARD-EARNED BUCK! NOW, THE  
LEAST YOU CAN DO IS RUSH ALL THOSE NUTTY  
GIZMOS REAL FAST, TO.....

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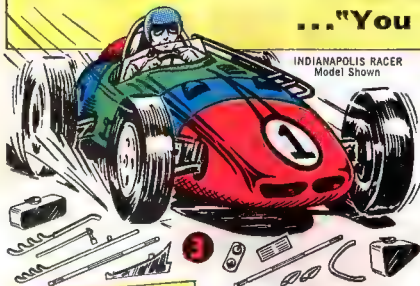
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SHELL! Is there a CHICK inside? Look at a pencil and apparently  
see the LEAD INSIDE THE VERY WOOD!

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THE DREADED DORMAMMU,  
EVIL BARON MORDO FINALLY  
HAS DR. STRANGE ON THE  
RUN!!

BUT, ALTHOUGH HE'S TRAPPED  
IN THE FAR-OFF CITY OF  
HONG KONG, THE MASTER  
OF THE MYSTIC ARTS  
FIGHTS BACK!

PEOPLE'S  
CHINA

HONG KONG

MACAU

THERE IS  
NO PLACE ON  
EARTH FOR YOU TO  
HIDE, DOOMED ONE!  
THE EYES OF  
MORDO ARE  
EVERYWHERE!

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IN A SHADY STREET IN HONG KONG, A LONE FIGURE DESPERATELY RACES THRU THE GLOOM...

BY USING MYSELF AS A DECOY, I HAVE DRAWN MORDO'S MENACE AWAY FROM THE ANCIENT ONE! BUT HOW MUCH LONGER CAN I ESCAPE HIS POWER?

IF ONLY I KNEW HOW HE BECAME MORE POWERFUL THAN I! I CANNOT FIGHT WHAT I DO NOT UNDERSTAND!

BEHOLD! OUR PREY DRAWS EVER NEARER!

MORDO SHALL REWARD US WELL FOR THIS NIGHT'S WORK!

BUT, AS THE MINIONS OF MORDO ATTACK, THEY ARE BLINDED BY THE SUDDEN BRILLIANCE OF THE AMULET OF DR. STRANGE!!

BACK, YOU CARRION! NEVER SHALL I BOW TO SUCH AS YOU!

MY EYES! I CANNOT SEE!

THEN, BEFORE HIS ASSAILANTS LAUNCH A NEW ATTACK, A DESPERATE COMBINATION OF SAVAGE SPELLS AND SMASHING FISTS BATTER THEM INTO HELPLESSNESS!

THOUGH YOUR MASTER'S POWER MAY EXCEED MY OWN, I SHALL FIGHT TILL THE VERY END -- AND AFTER, IF HOGGOTH WILLS!

THOR!!

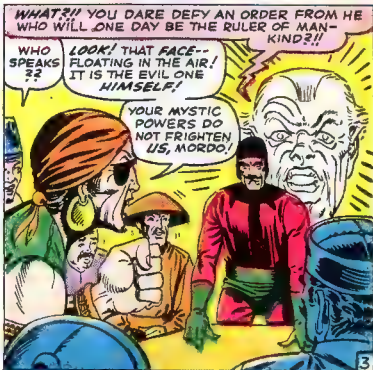
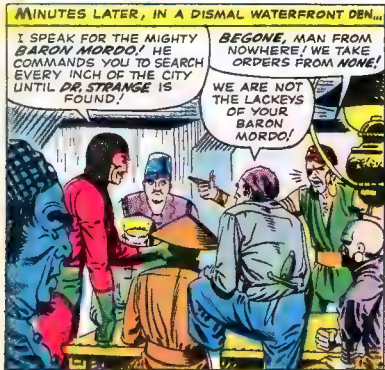
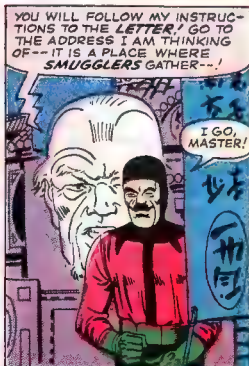
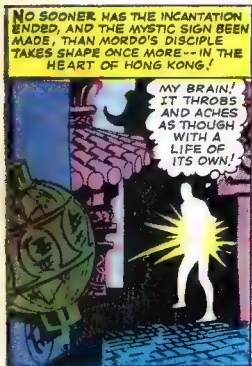
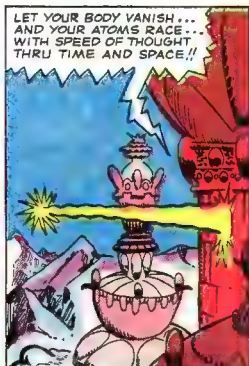
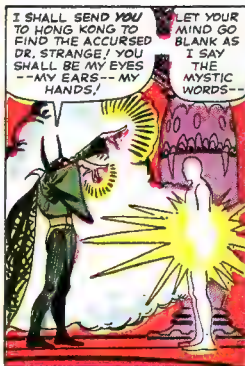
MEANWHILE, A SINISTER FIGURE STANDS IN THE SILENT RETREAT WHICH ONCE HOUSED THE VENERABLE ANCIENT ONE! THE FIGURE OF BARRON MORDO, WHO COMMUNICATES WITH-- THE DREAD DORMAMMU!

STRANGE SHALL NOT ESCAPE ME AGAIN!

THERE CAN BE NO SECOND CHANCE FOR A FOLLOWER OF DORMAMMU!

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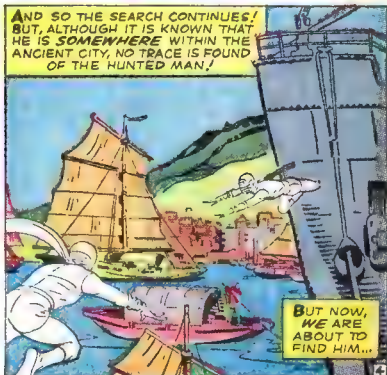
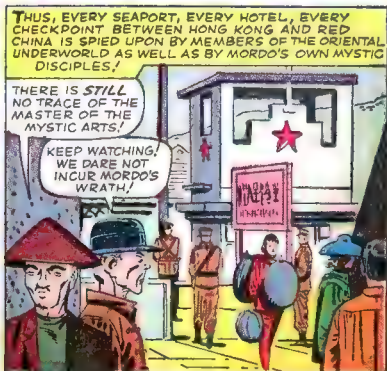
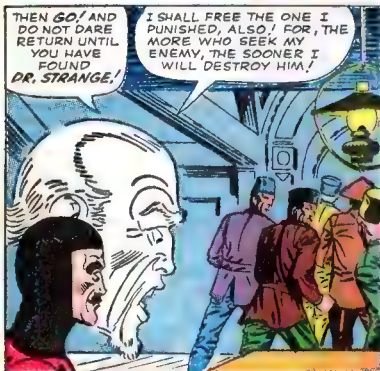
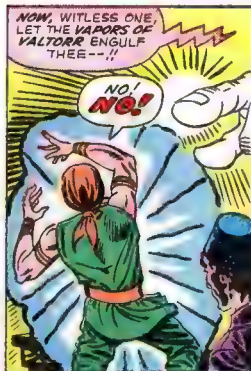
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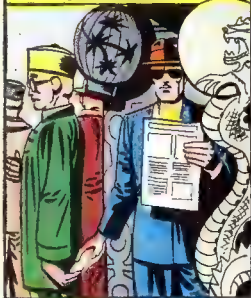
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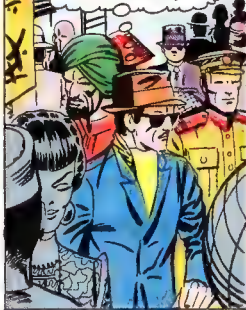




LOST IN THE CROWD WITHIN THE BUSTLING AIRPORT, A SINGLE PLANE TICKET CHANGES HANDS SECRETLY, WITH NOT A WORD BEING SAID...



THERE IS TIME BEFORE THE PLANE LEAVES, I MUST REMAIN HIDDEN UNTIL THEN!



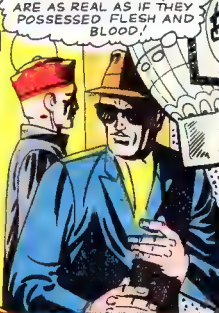
MORDO HAS MUSTERED MANY TO HIS SIDE, ANYONE I PASS MIGHT BE A DEADLY FOE, READY TO STRIKE WITHOUT WARNING!



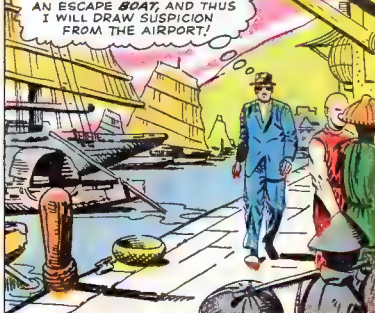
EVEN HIS SILENT SPECTRES HAVE JOINED IN THE GRIM SEARCH FOR ME!



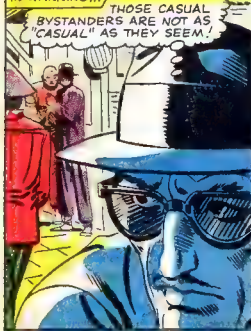
THOUGH ORDINARY HUMANS CANNOT DETECT THEIR PRESENCE, TO ONE WITH MY MYSTIC TRAINING, THEY ARE AS REAL AS IF THEY POSSESSED FLESH AND BLOOD!



THE BEST PLACE FOR ME IS ALONG THE WATERFRONT! EVEN IF I SHOULD BE SEEN, IT WILL BE THOUGHT I SEEK AN ESCAPE BOAT, AND THUS I WILL DRAW SUSPICION FROM THE AIRPORT!



BUT THEN, THE MAGICALLY KEEN SENSES OF DR. STRANGE TINGLE IN WARNING...



THOSE CASUAL BYSTANDERS ARE NOT AS "CASUAL" AS THEY SEEM!

I KNEW IT! I'VE BEEN DISCOVERED! THEY'RE SURROUNDING ME!

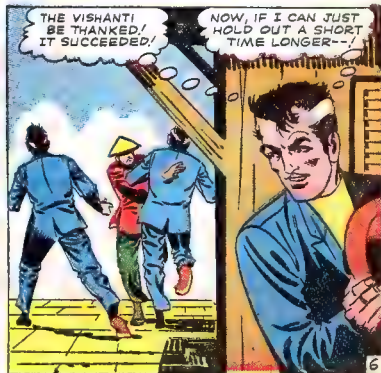
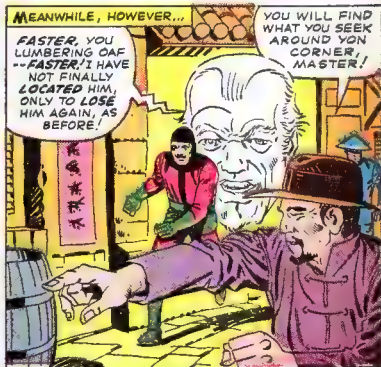


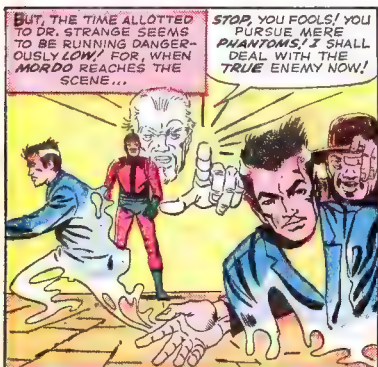
BACK, YOU EMISSARIES OF EVIL!! MAY THE SHADES OF THE SERAPHIM SUBDUDE YOU!!

NOW! WHILE HIS BACK IS TURNED! GET HIM!









BUT, THE TIME ALLOTTED TO DR. STRANGE SEEMS TO BE RUNNING DANGEROUSLY LOW! FOR, WHEN MORDO REACHES THE SCENE...

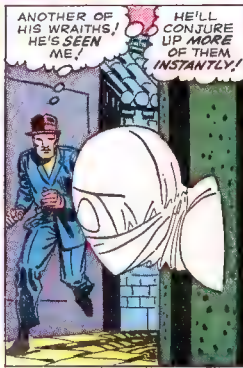
STOP, YOU FOOLS! YOU PURSUE MERE PHANTOMS! I SHALL DEAL WITH THE TRUE ENEMY NOW!



NO MATTER WHERE HE HIDES--NO MATTER HOW HE SPIRITS HIMSELF AWAY, I HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH POWER TO FIND HIM--TO DESTROY HIM!



MORDO HIMSELF IS DIRECTING THE HUNT FOR ME! I CAN FEEL IT!

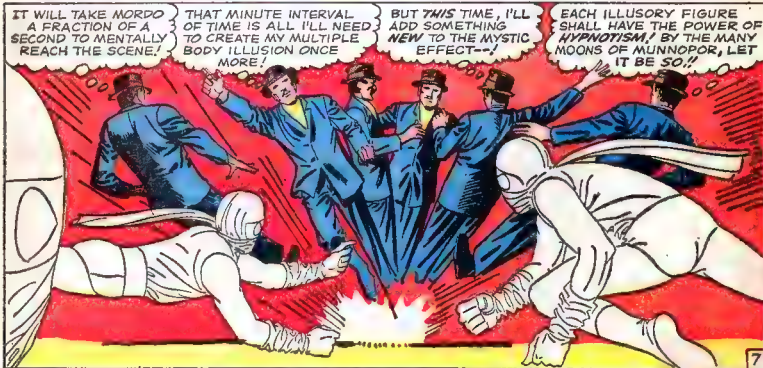


ANOTHER OF HIS WRAITHS! HE'S SEEN ME!

HE'LL CONJURE UP MORE OF THEM INSTANTLY!



I WAS RIGHT! HERE THEY COME!



IT WILL TAKE MORDO A FRACTION OF A SECOND TO MENTALLY REACH THE SCENE!

THAT MINUTE INTERVAL OF TIME IS ALL I'LL NEED TO CREATE MY MULTIPLE BODY ILLUSION ONCE MORE!

BUT THIS TIME, I'LL ADD SOMETHING NEW TO THE MYSTIC EFFECT--!

EACH ILLUSORY FIGURE SHALL HAVE THE POWER OF HYPNOTISM! BY THE MANY MOONS OF MUNNOPOR, LET IT BE SO!!



# BOYS! MEN! I'LL HELP YOU MASTER

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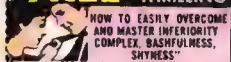
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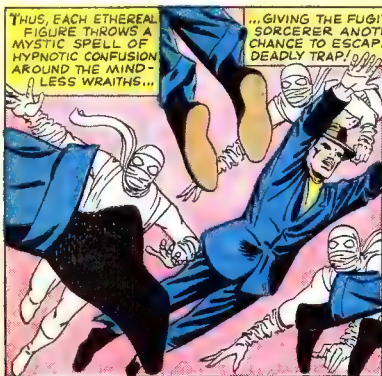
Would you like to know how to tear a concrete plate in HALF... or break bricks bare-handed, using very little strength... or to perform stunts by using breath, or to shout? How about splitting a bottle cap in half? YOU CAN DO ALL OF THIS—if you know the secret! And the secret is NOT brute strength or technique. It's the technique of HOW TO DO STRONG-MAN STUNTS WITH EASE will show you exactly how each trick is done. It's the Secret! NOW!

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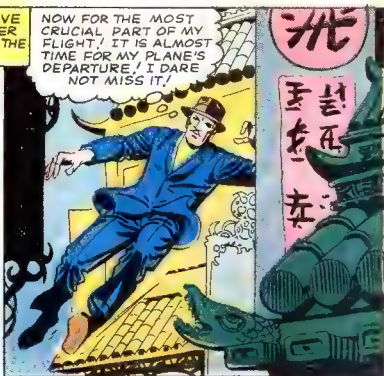
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THUS, EACH ETHEREAL FIGURE THROWS A MYSTIC SPELL OF HYPNOTIC CONFUSION AROUND THE MIND-LESS WRAITHS...

...GIVING THE FUGITIVE SORCERER ANOTHER CHANCE TO ESCAPE THE DEADLY TRAP!



NOW FOR THE MOST CRUCIAL PART OF MY FLIGHT! IT IS ALMOST TIME FOR MY PLANE'S DEPARTURE! I DARE NOT MISS IT!



--- I CANNOT SUCCESSFULLY BATTLE MORDO, WITH HIS MYSTERIOUSLY INCREASED POWERS, HERE ON HIS HOME GROUNDS! OUR NEXT BATTLE MUST BE AT A TIME AND PLACE OF MY CHOOSING!

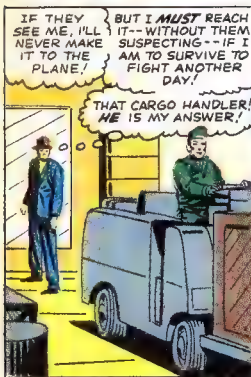


AND THAT TIME WILL SURELY COME! FOR, AS LONG AS MORDO POSSESSES SUCH AWESOME POWER-- SO LONG AS THE VENERABLE ANCIENT ONE MUST REMAIN IN HIDING-- I SHALL NEVER STOP FIGHTING THE WICKED BARON!



BUT THEN, UPON REACHING THE AIRPORT...

MORDO'S AGENTS! I CANNOT BE MISTAKEN! THE AURA OF SHEER EVIL IS ALMOST STIFLING TO ME!



IF THEY SEE ME, I'LL NEVER MAKE IT TO THE PLANE. BUT I MUST REACH IT-- WITHOUT THEM SUSPECTING-- IF I AM TO SURVIVE TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY!

THAT CARGO HANDLER! HE IS MY ANSWER!



BY THE ROVING RINGS OF RAGGADORR, INNOCENT ONE, MY WILL IS YOUR WILL! YOU MUST OBEY!

I-- MUST-- OBEY!

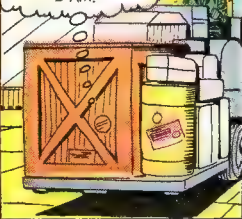


YOU WILL DO AS I COMMAND-- AND, WHEN WE ARE DONE-- NO MEMORY SHALL REMAIN WITHIN YOUR MIND!



MOMENTS LATER, THE "POSSESSED" CARGO HANDLER SLOWLY CHANGES DIRECTION AND HEADS FOR THE PLANE WHICH IS THE GOAL OF DR. STRANGE...

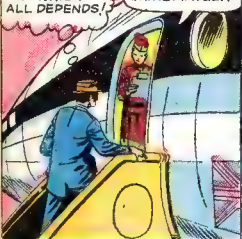
MORDO'S MEN ARE SURE TO SENSE MY PRESENCE-- BUT THEY HAVE NOT THE POWER TO KNOW EXACTLY WHERE I AM!



THEN, WAITING UNTIL THE WRAITH OF BARON MORDO HAS DRIFTED OUT OF IMMEDIATE VISION RANGE, THE MASTER OF MAGIC DARINGLY MAKES HIS MOVE!!!

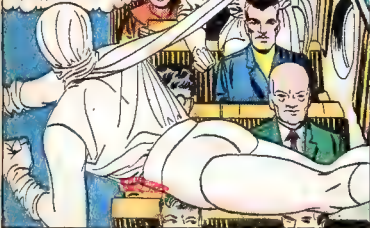
THESE ARE THE CRUCIAL TWO SECONDS ON WHICH ALL DEPENDS!

YOU'RE JUST IN TIME, SIR! WE TAKE OFF IMMEDIATELY!



ONLY BY ASSUMING A SPIRIT FORM MYSELF CAN I BATTLE MORDO'S WRAITH!

NO MATTER WHAT SHALL NOW BEFALL, THE OCCUPANTS OF THE PLANE WILL BE TOTALLY UNAWARE OF IT!



I SEEM TO FEEL A SURGE OF MYSTIC FORCE-- AS THOUGH WE ARE IN THE PRESENCE OF SORCERY!

IT MEANS HE IS NEAR! BUT-- WHERE??

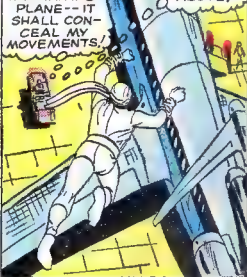


THE EVIL SPIRIT IS VISIBLY AGITATED! MORDO MUST BE RAGING! HE KNOWS I'VE ELUDED HIM! WHAT WILL HE DO NEXT??



SO FAR, SO GOOD! NOW-- DRIVE DIRECTLY UNDER THE WING OF THE WAITING PLANE-- IT SHALL CONCEAL MY MOVEMENTS!

FOR I SENSE ANOTHER EVIL SPIRIT HOVERING ABOVE!

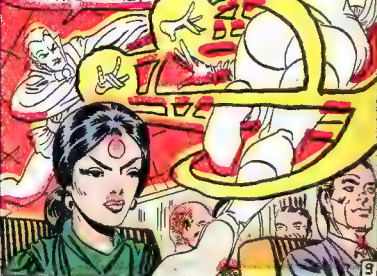


HE'S ENTERED THE PLANE! MORDO MUST BE DIRECTING HIM PERSONALLY... SEEING ME THRU HIS EYES!

THIS IS THE MOMENT OF DECISION! ALL CAN BE WON OR LOST WITHIN THE NEXT FEW SECONDS!

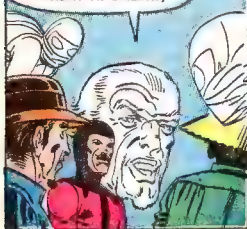


BY THE OMNIPOTENT OSHTUR! BY THE HOARY HOSTS OF HOGGOTH! IN THE NAME OF THE ETERNAL VISHANTI! BEGONE! RETURN TO THE NOTHINGNESS FROM WHENCE YOU HAVE COME!



ONE MYSTIC MICRO-SECOND  
LATER...

I'VE BEEN THWARTED!  
I CAN SEE MY VICTIM  
NO LONGER! MY WRAITH  
HAS VANISHED! I CAN  
ONLY SEE THRU THE  
EYES OF THE OTHERS!  
AND THEY ARE TOO FAR  
FROM MY ENEMY!

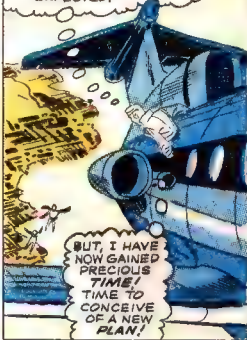


BUT, PERHAPS THERE IS STILL  
TIME! FLY, MY AVENGING WRAITHS!

FLY WITH THE SPEED OF  
THE TREMBLING STORM!  
DEATH TO DR. STRANGE!



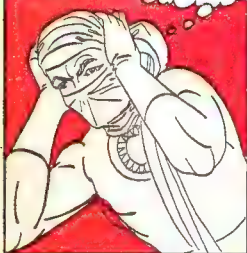
THE OTHERS COME-- AS I  
EXPECTED!



BUT, I HAVE  
NOW GAINED  
PRECIOUS  
TIME!  
TIME TO CONCEIVE  
OF A NEW  
PLAN!

IT IS BUT THE  
WORK OF A MOMENT  
TO GARB MYSELF  
IN THE MANNER  
OF MORDO'S  
WRAITHS!

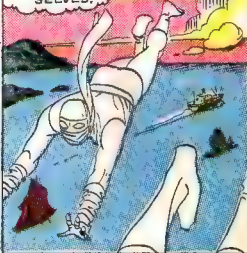
NOW, MY FATE  
DEPENDS  
UPON SHEER  
DECEPTION--  
UPON THE  
WITLESSNESS  
OF MY SPIRIT  
PURSUERS!



IN MY ETHEREAL FORM, I CAN  
FLY AS THEY DO! BY WAIVING MY  
ARMS, I SIGNAL THAT DR.  
STRANGE HAS VANISHED!



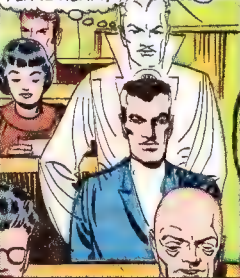
IT WORKED! THEY  
RETURN TO THEIR  
EVIL MASTER FOR  
NEW INSTRUCTIONS!  
THEY HAD NO  
REASON TO  
SUSPECT ONE  
OF THEM-  
SELVES!



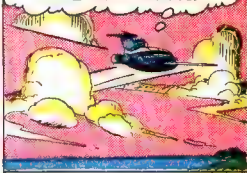
I WAS A FOOL! I SHOULD  
HAVE KNOWN STRANGE  
WOULDN'T DARE TAKE A PLANE  
--HE'D BE TOO VULNERABLE!  
HE USED AN ILLUSION TO  
LURE ME TO THE AIRPORT  
HE HID SOMEWHERE ELSE!



THIS WAS THE ONLY WAY! HAD I  
ATTEMPTED TO FLEE IN MY  
ETHEREAL FORM, MORDO WOULD  
HAVE FOUND ME WITH A SIMPLE  
SPELL! BUT, HE IS NOT LIKELY  
TO THINK OF SEARCHING THIS  
PLANE AGAIN!



BUT, IT IS NO VICTORY I HAVE  
WON! MERELY A BRIEF  
RESPIRE! I STILL MUST LEARN  
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# STRANGE MAILS

Dear Stan and Bob,

In **STRANGE TALES** #127 you show the Torch and the Thing racing toward Castle Rock doing 400 miles per hour. In panels 4 to 6 on page 7 they are almost on top of it, yet they have time to think about other things. Now at the speed of 400 m.p.h. which is 586 2/3 feet per second they should have gotten there in less than a couple of seconds. How come they didn't? In spite of your mistakes, you've got the best comics in existence!

David Schatz, 26 Vine Road  
St. Mary, Pa.

**Y'know something, Dave? Sometimes we think it's because of our mistakes.**

Dear Stan and Bob and Steve,

Your latest **STRANGE TALES** #128—"The Human Torch and the Thing vs. Quicksilver and the Scarlet Witch"—was a real slam-bang swinging story. I really enjoyed it. It's too bad that Magneto has brainwashed Quicksilver and the Scarlet Witch making them think that the Homo Sapiens and Homo Superiors can never be friends. The Torch and the Thing acted foolishly and without reasoning, but that's natural for them. Their motto is "act first, think later." They did put up a good fight, though. Dr. Strange is a sensational hero. Each villain he fights is more weird than the last. I think he deserves his own book. I also thought **STRANGE TALES** #127 was good, too. Mr. Fantastic taught the Torch and Thing a good lesson. Anyway, they would get into too much trouble without a leader.

Kenny Chance, 51 Hull St.  
Brooklyn 33, N.Y.

**And what would poor Reed do? A leader without followers is like Dr. Strange without (perish the thought!) his amulet!**

Dear Stan and Steve,

Why doesn't Dr. Strange turn down his collar? I think he looks like some kind of hood the way it is now.

Charles Volkstorf, 103 So. Sweetbriar  
Chesapeake, Va. 23703

**Aw, come on, Charlie! How many heads do you know who can fly around town in their ectoplasmic form?**

—We heard via the grapevine that there are still a couple of readers who haven't joined the Merry Marvel Marching Society yet! If you happen to be one of them there's still time to earn our forgiveness by sending in your coupon right away! But, if you don't want to join, it's really okay! There always has to be somebody standing on the sidelines to applaud when we all march by!

Dear Stan and Steve,

Not that ol' Doc Strange needs the assistance of mere mortals, but hey, do we detect a dwindling amount of interest in our indefatigable champion of sorcery? We hope not! What would Marvel be without the master of chthonic vibrations, of arcane multi-dimensional struggles with the purest sources of evil? Perhaps he isn't as startlingly swashbuckling as Thor or as obviously tragic as the Hulk, but that's just it! We dig the subtly refined character of our Tibetan Boston Blackie with too much hair tonic and a pencil-thin mustache. Now, we've only been reading Marvel comics for a few months so we don't know too much about Doc's origin, but it seems to us that he might be an escapee from Bellevue or a former frequenter of race tracks who, in a sudden vision after reading of "The Tibetan Book of the Dead," discovered that he was actually the son of the Ancient One! That's why we like him! He's funky! We vote for a whole ish of Dr. Strange!

Dan Clark & Michele Abramova  
642 E. 11th St., New York, N.Y. 10009

**Never mind all that jazz, guys! What we want to know is—waddya mean you've only been reading Marvel's marvelous mags for a few months? Where were you, on a desert isle? You'd better get in touch with our back-number dept, right away! You've got a mess of catchin' up to do!**

Dear Stan and Bob and Steve,

Stan, I think you did a fantastically great job on **MONSTERS TO LAUGH WITH**. I rarely laugh out loud at picture captions, but I couldn't help it this time—I just cracked up! But I must tell you one thing—I don't like the way you guys portray teenagers. I don't care for the way you dress them. You always have them wearing suits and ties. Even in crowd scenes everybody is wearing a suit! And always the same shoes! Don't you know any modern fashions? So come on, let the characters look like everybody is really dressed! Other than that, your comics are the most realistic, best drawn and most exciting in comicdom today!

Steve Lucero, 357 W. Sheridan  
Laramie, Wyo. 82070

**Gosh, Stevie! If they're all of that, do they have to be the best-dressed, too? Besides, the gang in the bullpen wanna know what's wrong with always having the same shoes? None of them own more than one pair!**

Dear Stan and Bob and Steve,

I think that the M.M.M.S. is a fantastic idea and a great boon to mankind! This astonishing feat that the Marvel staff has undertaken is the most heroic task I have ever seen attempted by any group! Bravo!! (I just had to get this off my chest!)

Gene Menzel, 1454 Berteau Ave.  
Chicago 13, Ill.

**Thanks a heap, Gene—but, tell us one thing—are we all talking about the same M.M.M.S.?**

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